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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PAKISTAN, NUCLEAR EXPLOSION IN NORTH KOREA, PALESTINE / MIDDLE EAST; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

PAKISTAN

¶1. "SIX MONTHS LATER," editorial in the May 28 Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN. "Even after six months, Pakistan has done nothing to punish the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks. U.S. efforts to bring about an India-Pakistan rapprochement should be a matter of concern for India. America wants Pakistan to be left alone to concentrate on the war against Taliban."

¶2. "FLAMES OF LAHORE," editorial in the May 28 Hindi daily, DAINIK HINDUSTAN. "The recent terrorist attacks in Lahore -- including the ones on Sri Lankan cricketers, and the Pakistani police and the ISI office -- underline the anarchy in the Pakistani system. It is important to strengthen other Pakistani government organizations, because its Army is not dependable."

¶3. "LAHORE BLAST," editorial in the May 29 right-of-center Urdu daily, HAMARA SAMAJ. "With the Lahore blasts, the Taliban wants to give a message to the government that Pakistan's atomic weapons are not beyond their reach. The U.S. says Pakistan's weapons of mass destruction are in safe hands, but when Taliban

elements have infiltrated Pakistan's army and government, how can it be claimed that the nuclear weapons are safe?"

¶4. "TALIBAN'S REVENGE," editorial in the May 29 right-of-center Marathi daily, SAAMANA. "The Lahore blasts are the Taliban's show of strength. As of now, the Taliban has hit the Pakistani administration because the latter has shown signs of preparedness for military action. And this military preparedness stems from the directions coming from the U.S. For India, the most worrying factor is that the Taliban has a strong presence on the India-Pakistan border."

NUCLEAR EXPLOSION IN NORTH KOREA

¶5. "EXPLOSIVE," editorial in the May 29 independent Bengali daily, ANANDABAZAR PATRIKA. "Pyongyang's explosion may have been done to increase its bargaining power. But does it benefit Pyongyang? This has made North Korea's position in the world even more opaque."

PALESTINE / MIDDLE EAST

¶6. "BARACK OBAMA'S POLICY ON THE MIDDLE EAST," editorial in the May 28 right-of-center Urdu daily,

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SIASAT. "Most Arabs today consider the U.S. and Israel to be their deadly enemies. Obama's real test is to establish the supremacy of law and justice, to restore peace in the Palestinian territory and to stop Israel's aggressive tendencies."

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